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Detail from the SE 4th Street sculpture

Neighbors & Friends:

The latest version of the City Newsletter is our Emergency Preparedness issue, and I encourage you to save the “disaster kit checklist” and read the articles. Being prepared for emergencies is important every year, and it’s even moreso this year as we also face the COVID-19 pandemic.

This newsletter also contains a “meet and greet” with new City Manager Dave Rudat, plus a well-deserved honor for the Reard House, new permanent public art for the City and more.

When I think about disaster preparedness, plenty of things keep me up at night. I worry about everyone at home in our city. With residents working and taking classes from home, what happens if we have a disaster here, like the fire that burned Paradise, Calif., in 2018? How do we get everyone out? Sammamish has 1.7 times worse evacuation constraints than Paradise, and we don’t have direct access to a major highway.

I worry about our COVID numbers. Sammamish has done well in keeping case numbers low, but we’re not perfect. If you look at our crowded parks, you see plenty of people who seem to think, “The virus won’t hurt me.” But even residents without symptoms can carry the virus to other, more vulnerable citizens. Sammamish is an affluent city, but not every resident is so well off. I worry about those of us struggling to make ends meet in these tough times.

The City has given rental assistance during the pandemic and held a community food drive to help those less fortunate, and that will need to continue. We have a very giving community, but I worry about those who fall through the cracks.

I worry constantly about our police and all our first responders. The COVID-19 crisis highlights the crucial work they do and how dangerous their jobs are.

Please send me your thoughts and suggestions,

Mayor Karen Moran



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Meet City manager Dave Rudat

The City of Sammamish appointed David Rudat as permanent city manager June 16, 2020, after he served four months as interim city manager. Dave brings nearly 40 years of leadership and management experience in local and county governments. Dave spent most of his career in Orange, CA, where he was City Manager for 10 years. He started his career in the fire department and served 23 years in the fire service, including as Fire Chief, before being appointed to City Manager. After retiring from Orange in 2005,

Dave held six different roles in several cities in California as interim city manager, interim fire chief, and as a local government consultant.

With three grandsons in the area, Dave was intrigued to move to Sammamish; as an outdoorsman, he was drawn to the City's natural beauty and the Cascades.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the City is unable to hold a traditional meet-and-greet with Dave and residents, but he answered questions for the newsletter to introduce himself and talk about his values, philosophy and outlook.

What challenges is the City facing right now?

"In the short term, we have a lot to accomplish during an unprecedented time of dealing with a pandemic while staff is working remotely. The City is under a tight deadline to address former mayor Don Gerend's lawsuit and the Growth Management Hearing Board remand to correctly measure traffic congestion so it can be implemented legally, a budget needs to be approved, and we are evaluating a permit application to build 400 units and commercial space in the Town Center."

That's quite a lot to deal with for a new City Manager.

"Yes, it's quite a lot to deal with for any city manager. But we're fortunate we have good people working at City Hall. We just hired a highly experienced Director of Public Works, which is an area we need a lot of help with (roads, stormwater, maintenance, traffic). We promoted from within the Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities and retained a renowned attorney to help navigate the Growth Management Act."

You've seen a lot in your career. What is unique with Sammamish?

"Sammamish is a relatively young city that grew very fast within a region that is growing very fast - and it's located at the edge of the Urban Growth Area, in a unique geographical and topographical setting. It's a place where urban meets rural, with wildlife, creeks, forest and residents who are passionate about the environment. The city is landlocked with no direct access to freeways or mass transit, almost like an island. So all these factors require unique planning. I also feel we have a responsibility to be respectful to nature here. We as staff are going to be very careful to make sure the city follows its code and the environmental requirements to the letter of the law. We also need to be very prudent in how we support City Council with transparent and complete analysis for them to make good policy decisions."

So what's your plan for your first year?

"I'm building a culture of service to the community we work in, to be the best professionals we can be and do our job with integrity and excellence. Staff doesn't set policy, City Council does. I'm aware of the angst residents have toward growth, so City staff must stay neutral to the issues and execute on the direction set by City Council - who represent the residents."

Please note: All City of Sammamish meetings will be held virtually until further notice. Please visit our website at www.sammamish.us/government for more information.



Photo taken August 23 at the Lake Sammamish boat launch, courtesy of Asheesh Rastogi, Sammamish resident





Emergency Preparedness

COVID-19 adds urgency to emergency preparedness efforts

Since late February, much of the world has been combating the COVID-19 pandemic. Governments declared states of emergency, stay-at-home orders were mandated, schools closed, and businesses shuttered. Around the nation, grocery store shelves were left bare as anxiety about the virus grew. Commodities such as toilet paper and cleaning supplies were difficult to obtain, and personal protective equipment was in such high demand that even medical facilities could not secure what was needed.

The ongoing pandemic serves as a stark reminder of the importance of individual preparedness and community resiliency. Emergency preparedness in the Pacific Northwest - and especially Sammamish - is unique, and the traditional recommendation to have 72 hours of supplies is largely inadequate. Because of the hazards facing our region, the City of Sammamish and King County recommend that every member of Sammamish households have a minimum of two weeks of emergency provisions.

The COVID-19 response also highlights issues we will be facing in the aftermath of a large natural disaster, such as strained logistical networks, uncoordinated national response, and the cascading economic consequences of disasters. As we approach winter storm season, we may face incidents that strain our logistical networks and affect our infrastructure systems. Following a catastrophic earthquake, damage to roads, bridges, railways, utilities, and ports could mean that disruptions to normal operations could last months, or possibly years. Add a natural disaster on top of a pandemic and those issues are only exacerbated.

The City's job is to obtain those missing resources as soon as possible so that lives may be saved, property protected, and recovery achieved. By taking the time now to prepare yourself, your family, or your business, you can hopefully ensure that you will be able to support yourself until those resources arrive.

Community resiliency cannot be achieved individually, nor is it a government program that can be created. Everyone must play a role in supporting one another before, during, and after a crisis. To learn more about how to prepare for a disaster, visit the City of Sammamish's Emergency Preparedness Resources page found at <https://www.sammamish.us/government/departments/emergency-management/emergency-preparedness-resources/>

4 tips to get ready

As part of National Preparedness Month, here are four steps to take to make sure you and your family are ready:

Make A Plan

Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know which types of disasters could affect your area. Know how you'll contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that's familiar and easy to find. Make sure to practice your plan with your household.

Build A Kit

After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for two weeks. Being prepared means having your own food, water and other supplies to last at least that long. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

Prepare for Disasters

Limit the impacts that disasters have on you and your family. Know the risk of disasters in your area and check your insurance coverage. Learn how to make your home stronger in the face of storms and other common hazards and act fast if you receive a local warning or alert.

Teach Youth About Preparedness

Talk to your kids about preparing for emergencies and what to do if you are separated. Provide information about how they can get involved.

Visit ready.gov for more details.



Emergency Preparedness

How to prepare for a winter storm

Winter storms can damage infrastructure and cause power outages that last for hours or days. They can make roads and walkways dangerous and also negatively affect community services such as public transportation, childcare, and health programs. Injuries and deaths may occur from exposure, dangerous road conditions, carbon monoxide poisoning, and other conditions. Be better prepared this winter by knowing what to do before, during, and after a winter storm.

Before:

Sign up for local alerts and warnings.

Create and test emergency communication plan(s).

Stock emergency supplies, and install battery-powered or battery backed-up carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors in your home.

Winterize your home and vehicles. Get trained on specific needs your family may have. Consider joining your local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Identify a place nearby where you can safely warm up should you lose heat in your home.

During:

Stay indoors and off the roads. If you must drive, keep emergency supplies in your car.

Dress in layers, and use blankets to stay warm.

Bring pets into a warm place and out of the storm or severe cold.

Never use a generator, camp stove, charcoal grill, or gasoline or propane heater indoors, as these items can start accidental fires, cause electric shock, and/or cause deadly carbon monoxide poisoning.

Never heat a home with a cooktop or oven.

After:

Only drive if necessary. Remove snow and ice from your tailpipe before starting your car, and check regularly if idling. Clean all snow and ice from your car before driving.

Dress in warm clothing, stay dry, prevent prolonged exposure to cold and wind, and avoid overexertion clearing/shoveling snow. Overexertion can lead to a medical emergency.

Monitor local news and alerts for emergency information and instructions.

COVID-19 update: Please stay vigilant

The City of Sammamish continues to make slow progress in battling COVID-19, but residents must continue to be vigilant. From August 15-29, there were 17 new positive cases in Sammamish, at a rate of 26.5 per 100,000 residents. As of August 30, Sammamish registered 230 positive cases. King County still is far from meeting many of its targets for COVID-19 activity. The county's goal set for total number of cases for the past 14 days per 100,000 residents is less than 25 per 100,000 residents. King County is currently sitting at 78.

Everyone must do their part in slowing this virus. We are seeing more and more cases of small family gatherings ending in transmission across households. We are seeing more and more cases of young, asymptomatic people infecting older more vulnerable family members, colleagues, or friends. I still see parents turning a blind eye or willfully participating in ignoring playground or park facility closures. Please take this crisis seriously and abide by all the public health recommendations.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the residents and businesses in Sammamish who are doing their part to stop this outbreak. The majority of people I see when out in town are complying with public health recommendations. They are wearing masks, socially distancing from others, and practicing strong environmental hygiene. I understand COVID fatigue, but staying the course is important to winning this fight.

--Andrew Stevens, Emergency Manager, Eastside Fire & Rescue

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS KIT CALENDAR

Week 1 Grocery Store	Week 2 Hardware Store	Week 3 Grocery Store	Week 4 Hardware Store	Week 5 Grocery Store	Week 6 Grocery Store
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water* <input type="checkbox"/> 1 small jar peanut butter* <input type="checkbox"/> 1 large can juice* <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can meat* <input type="checkbox"/> Hand-operated can opener <input type="checkbox"/> 1 permanent marker <input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water per pet Also: pet food, diapers and/or baby food if needed To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Make a family plan. <input type="checkbox"/> Date each perishable food item using marking pen.	<input type="checkbox"/> Crescent wrench <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy duty rope <input type="checkbox"/> Duct tape <input type="checkbox"/> 2 flashlights with batteries <input type="checkbox"/> "Bungee" cords Also: a leash, tags, and carrier for your pet, if needed To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Set aside an extra set of sturdy clothes for each member of your family. <input type="checkbox"/> Locate your gas meter and water shutoffs and attach a wrench near them for emergency use.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water* <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can fruit* <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can meat* <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary napkins <input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water per pet <input type="checkbox"/> Instant coffee, tea, powdered soft drinks Also: pet food, diapers and/or baby food if needed To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Use a video camera to record the contents of your home for insurance purposes. <input type="checkbox"/> Store video with friend/family member who lives out of town or digitally on the cloud.	<input type="checkbox"/> Plumber's tape <input type="checkbox"/> Crowbar <input type="checkbox"/> Smoke detector with battery Also: extra medications or a prescription marked "emergency use" if needed To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Install or test your smoke detector. <input type="checkbox"/> Secure water heater to wall studs using plumber's tape.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water* <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can fruit* <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can meat* <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can vegetables* <input type="checkbox"/> 2 rolls toilet paper <input type="checkbox"/> Extra toothbrush <input type="checkbox"/> Travel-size toothpaste Also: special food for special diets, if needed To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Have a fire drill at home. <input type="checkbox"/> Take photos of family (include pets if applicable) and include in your disaster supply kit.	<input type="checkbox"/> Aspirin, and/or acetaminophen <input type="checkbox"/> Cold compresses <input type="checkbox"/> Hot compresses <input type="checkbox"/> Rolls of gauze or bandages <input type="checkbox"/> First aid tape <input type="checkbox"/> Adhesive bandages, assorted sizes Also: extra hearing aid batteries, if needed To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Check with your child's daycare or school to find out about their disaster plans.
Week 7 Grocery Store	Week 8 Grocery Store	Week 9 Grocery Store	Week 10 Hardware Store	Week 11 Grocery Store	Week 12 Grocery Store
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water* <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can ready-to-eat soup* <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can fruit* <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can vegetables* Also: extra plastic baby bottles, formula and diapers, if needed To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Establish an out-of-state contact to call in case of emergency.	<input type="checkbox"/> Scissors <input type="checkbox"/> Tweezers <input type="checkbox"/> Antiseptic <input type="checkbox"/> Thermometer <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid hand soap <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable hand wipes <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing kit Also: extra eyeglasses, if needed To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Place a pair of shoes and a flashlight under your bed so that they are handy during an emergency.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 can ready-to-eat soup* <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid dish soap <input type="checkbox"/> Plain, unscented liquid bleach <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy duty garbage bags <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine dropper Also: saline solution and a contact lens case, if needed To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Digitally back-up photos on cloud or send copies to out of state friend or relative.	<input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof portable plastic container (with lid) for important papers <input type="checkbox"/> Portable AM/FM radio (with batteries or hand crank) Also: Local maps of your city and region To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Make photocopies of important papers and store in a safe location or on the cloud.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 large can juice* <input type="checkbox"/> Large plastic food bags <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box quick energy snacks <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rolls toilet paper <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen Also: sunscreen, if needed To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Store a roll of quarters for emergency phone calls. <input type="checkbox"/> Go on a hunt with your family to find a pay phone near home.	<input type="checkbox"/> Anti-diarrhea medicine <input type="checkbox"/> Rubbing alcohol <input type="checkbox"/> Latex gloves <input type="checkbox"/> Ipecac syrup and activated charcoal <input type="checkbox"/> Vitamins Also: books, games, and other activities for children To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Show your family where gas and water meter shut off valves are located. Show them what to do in an emergency.
Week 13 Hardware Store	Week 14 Grocery Store	Week 15 Hardware Store	Week 16 Grocery Store	Week 17 Grocery Store	Week 18 Hardware Store
<input type="checkbox"/> Whistle <input type="checkbox"/> ABC fire extinguisher <input type="checkbox"/> Pliers <input type="checkbox"/> Vise grips To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Take a first aid/CPR course.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 can fruit* <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can meat* <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can vegetables* <input type="checkbox"/> Paper plates <input type="checkbox"/> Eating utensils <input type="checkbox"/> Paper cups To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Make a plan to check on a neighbor who might need help in an emergency.	<input type="checkbox"/> Extra batteries <input type="checkbox"/> Masking tape <input type="checkbox"/> Hammer <input type="checkbox"/> Assorted nails <input type="checkbox"/> Wood screws <input type="checkbox"/> "L" brackets to secure furniture to walls To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Brace heavy furniture to walls using brackets or safety straps.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 can meat* <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can vegetables* <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy duty garbage bags <input type="checkbox"/> Facial tissue <input type="checkbox"/> Quick energy snacks (raisins, granola bars) To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Find out if you have a neighborhood safety organization and join it.	<input type="checkbox"/> Graham crackers* <input type="checkbox"/> Assorted plastic containers with lids <input type="checkbox"/> Dry cereal* <input type="checkbox"/> Safety pins <input type="checkbox"/> Shelf stable milk To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange for a relative friend to help your children if you are at work.	<input type="checkbox"/> "Child-proof" latches for your cupboards <input type="checkbox"/> Double-sided tape or Velcro-type fastener to secure moveable objects To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Secure any loose objects and cabinets that may become displaced during an earthquake.
Week 19 Grocery Store	Week 20 Hardware Store	Week 21 Hardware Store	Week 22 Grocery Store	Week 23 Hardware Store	Week 24 Grocery Store
<input type="checkbox"/> Hand sanitizer <input type="checkbox"/> Quick energy snacks (raisins, granola bars) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 large packet of wet wipes To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Have an earthquake drill at home.	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping or utility knife <input type="checkbox"/> Extra radio batteries Also: Purchase an emergency escape ladder for second story bedrooms, if needed. To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Find out about your workplace disaster plans.	<input type="checkbox"/> Heavy work gloves <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable dust masks <input type="checkbox"/> Screwdriver <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic safety goggles <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Duty Tarp To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Secure an extra set of any medications you may need, if possible, a two week supply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Extra hand-operated can opener <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rolls toilet paper To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Draw a floor plan of your home. Mark two escape routes from each room.	<input type="checkbox"/> Battery-powered camping lantern with extra battery or extra flashlights To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Teach children how and when to call 911, police and fire.	<input type="checkbox"/> Large plastic food bags <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic wrap <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum foil To Do: <input type="checkbox"/> Register for free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) basic training.

The **Disaster Preparedness Kit Calendar** is intended to help you prepare for disasters before they happen. Using the calendar, you and your family can assemble an emergency kit in small steps over a six-month period. Check off each week as you gather the contents. Supplies may be stored all together in a large plastic tote or garbage bin. Remember to rotate your perishable supplies and change water every 12-24 months. Select foods based on your family's needs and preferences. **Items marked with an asterisk "*" should be purchased for each member of the household.**

To get started:

Check your house for supplies that you already have on hand.

- Decide where you will store supplies.
- Meet with your family to plan for all hazards.
- Explain how to prepare; explain when and how to respond.
- Discuss what to do if you need to evacuate.

Practice your plans on a regular basis.



City News

Get more involved with 'My Sammamish' app

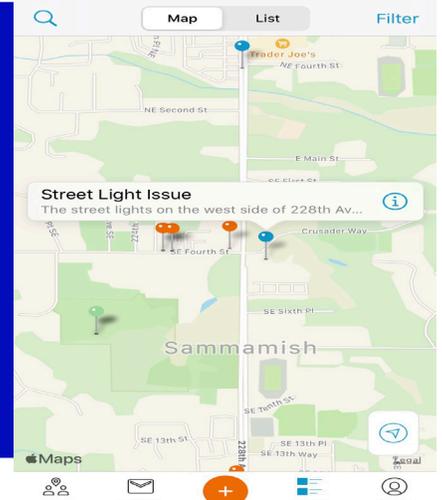
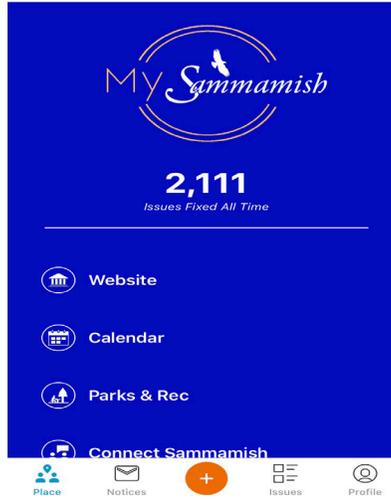
The fastest, easiest way for residents to report non-emergency issues to the City of Sammamish and stay updated is through the "My Sammamish" app, free at the Apple AppStore and Google Play Store.

More than 2,100 incidents have already been reported and fixed since the app's release in 2018.

The My Sammamish app allows residents to submit an issue, which will be routed to the appropriate city department. Using a smartphone,

residents can include a photo, location and category of the issue, then add details and submit. Residents can receive status updates on reported issues, and also get links to city websites, follow the latest events and contact city departments.

It's the latest step in community engagement for the City of Sammamish!



Reard House honored

Sammamish's Reard House was honored in July at Forum 2020, a conference of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions. The farmhouse, one of six special local projects chosen in Western Washington during the conference, was originally built in 1895. The structure was slated for demolition before the Sammamish Heritage Society took control of the project, raising funds to move the house and restore it. The house serves as a home base for the society and hosts community events.

See more at <http://www.sammamishheritage.org>.

Food Drive brings out donations

The City of Sammamish sponsored a food drive on Aug. 22, partnering with the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank and Hopelink to distribute donations of 4,661 pounds of food in the community. More than 20 youth volunteers participated. The City offers volunteer opportunities for Sammamish teens. Contact Lynne Handlos (lhandlos@sammamish.us) and check <https://sammamish.galaxydigital.com/> for more information.





Outdoor sculpture unveiled at SE 4th

What started as a rough drawing on a coffee shop napkin four years ago became reality in August when the City of Sammamish unveiled its latest permanent public art, a 15-foot-high sculpture of natural stone slabs at SE 4th and 225th Street SE.

Designed by award-winning artist/designer Lin Garretson, a Sammamish resident and former Arts Commission member, the sculpture consists of three stone faces and symbolizes how the young city is a “whole new entity,” Garretson said. Sammamish combines the different traditions and customs of the city’s population, “blended together into a new form, and that is Sammamish,” she said.

Garretson began working on the installation in 2016 after a discussion with Arts Commission member Margaret Rosenow at a local coffee shop. Garretson drew some sketches on a napkin, and the process took off.

Garretson created and helped install the sculpture for no charge to the city.

Rosenow said she hopes the sculpture can be part of the city’s landscape “for the next 600 years.”

The community will be involved in choosing the name for the sculpture. Go to <https://connect.sammamish.us/> soon for more details.

Special thanks go to several others who contributed skills, money and time to the effort: Rosenow, for her diligence in working with the City through the administrative aspects of this project; Ronnie and Gino Simone, owners of Western Tile & Marble and General Contractors, for stone fabrication and on-site installation; their installers Chris Lindsey, Cordell Fischer, Kye Edison and Kyle McCoy; Attila Kilic of Meta Marble, for his generosity and price accommodations for the stone; Frank Lescher of Frank Lescher Masonry, for building the concrete block structure; Josh Gorham of Skilfab for steel fabrication; Rick Oswald & Cecily Westall of Cutting Edge Studio for sandblasting; and Randy with Conducive CAD for engineering.



Speeding remains a concern near the Sammamish Landing Park on East Lake Sammamish Parkway, and heavy street parking also is creating issues. The City of Sammamish will take measures to increase safety around the park.

The City will install additional “No Parking” signs in the northbound direction on the east side, where the street curves north of the parking lot. In the area between the double-white lines on the west side of the street, up to 500 feet north of the park will be painted with white stripes to clarify it’s not a bike lane.

This work probably will be done at night to minimize traffic impact, then the City will request that police conduct another speed test in the area. The City will also contact King County to seek to construct another access point from the road to the trail.

The City asks residents to please slow down when driving near the park, for everyone’s safety.



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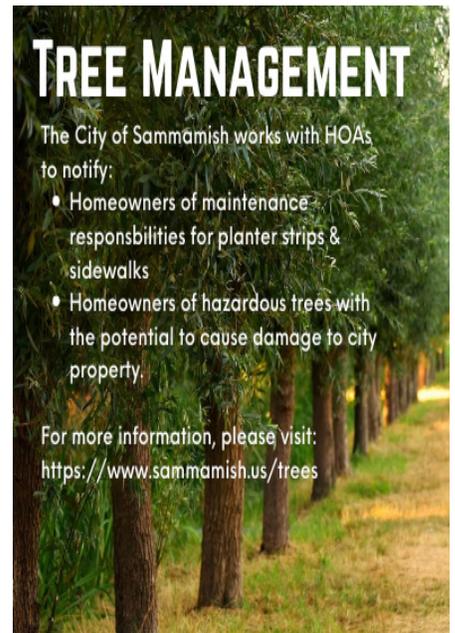
WA State Covid Call Center
1-800-525-0127

King County Animal Control
206-296-7387

Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer
425-392-6256

Garbage - Republic Services
425-646-2400

Sammamish Permit Center
425-295-0531



Sign up for City of Sammamish email and text alert updates at www.sammamish.us under "Join Our Mailing List."

Have an issue or concern? Use the My Sammamish app on your smartphone

For all emergencies please dial 9-1-1

Newsletter suggestions or concerns? Contact the Front Desk at (425) 295-0500

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